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**ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE
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This document is a compilation of the bill summaries prepared by this office for the Joint Standing Committees and Joint Select Committees of the Maine Legislature. The volume is organized alphabetically by committee; within each committee, the summaries are arranged by LD number. A subject index is provided at the beginning of each committee's summaries.

All adopted amendments are listed, by paper number (e.g., H - 584 or S - 222), together with the sponsor for floor amendments. Final action on each bill is listed to the right of the title. Various types of final action are abbreviated as follows:

PUBLIC XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Public Law</i>
P&S XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Private & Special Law</i>
RESOLVE XXX	<i>Chapter # of enacted Resolve</i>
CON RES XXX	<i>Chapter # of Constitutional Resolution passed by both Houses</i>
EMERGENCY	<i>Enacted law takes effect sooner than 90 days</i>
CARRIED OVER	<i>Bill carried over to 2nd Session</i>
FAILED EMERGENCY ENACTMENT	<i>Bill failed to get 2/3 vote</i>
ONTP	<i>Ought Not to Pass report accepted</i>
LVWD	<i>Leave to Withdraw report accepted</i>
INDEF PP	<i>Bill Indefinitely Postponed</i>
DIED BETWEEN BODIES	<i>House & Senate disagree; bill died</i>
VETO SUSTAINED	<i>Legislature failed to override Governor's Veto</i>
UNSIGNED	<i>Not signed by Governor within 10 days</i>
DIED ON ADJOURNMENT	<i>Action incomplete when 1st session ended</i>

These summaries were prepared by the analyst or analysts assigned to the committee. But, this document was produced by the efforts of all the office staff, including secretaries: Charlene Raymond and Valarie Parlin, and especially Laurette Knox who coordinated preparation of the overall document.

If you have any suggestions or comments on these summaries, please let us know.

LD 1097 An Act to Assist Municipal Solid Waste Energy Recovery Facilities

ONTP

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
MICHAUD POULIOT	ONTP	

SUMMARY

This bill proposed to require that the rate paid by an electric utility for electricity generated by a municipal solid waste energy recovery facility owned or operated by or for the benefit of a municipality or municipalities that have formed a regional association is not less than the highest rate charged by the electric utility to the municipality in which the facility is located.

LD 1138 An Act to Clarify the Regulation of Water Districts

PUBLIC 226

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
CARPENTER AIKMAN EMERSON	OTP-AM	S-122

SUMMARY

This bill creates an exemption from the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 30-A, section 2357, which requires quasi-municipal corporations or districts to provide reasonable notice and hearing in accordance with the Maine Administrative Procedure Act before adopting any rule or expanding or creating any program. The bill proposed to exempt any quasi-municipal corporation or district subject to review by any state agency.

The committee amendment (S-122) exempts all public utilities regulated by the Public Utilities Commission from the provision of Title 30-A, section 2357.

LD 1194 An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Kingfield Water District from \$350,000 to \$2,000,000

P & S 13

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
POWERS BAILEY R MILLS WEBSTER	OTP	

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the Kingfield Water District by increasing the debt limit of the district from \$350,000 to \$2,000,000. This bill is designed to allow sufficient funds to be raised by the district to meet the requirements of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

LD 1224 An Act to Amend the Charter of the Lubec Water and Electric District

P & S 14

SPONSOR(S)	COMMITTEE REPORT	AMENDMENTS ADOPTED
TOWNSEND VOSE	OTP-AM	H-250

SUMMARY

This bill amends the charter of the Lubec Water and Electric District to reflect the sale of the